

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

The examiner in his last Office action indicated that dependent claim 19 was objected to; however, claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations for the base claim and intervening claims. Previously submitted claim 19 depended from any one of previously submitted claims 13-18. Claim 13, claim 14, claim 15, claim 16, claim 17 and claim 18 depended from independent claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 respectively. Applicants by the instant amendment have amended independent claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 to include the limitations of claim 19 and the intervening dependent claim. Accordingly, all of the independent claims remaining in the application, that is, claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 11 are now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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